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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: CIA Authority to Perform Propaganda and
Commando Type Functions

1. Attached is a detailed opinion which reaches the conclusion that CIA has no statutory authority to enter into M.O. or S.O. work or to expend funds in support of such work. It is pointed out, however, that as part of its authorized functions CIA acquires much information concerning planned and actual resistance movements in Western Europe, which information would be the basis for forming a policy of cooperation by the United States with such movements.

2. Under present authority, therefore, the CIA function would be to supply such information to the NSC or other policy-making group and to assist intelligence wise the implementation of the policy of whatever policy should be established.

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